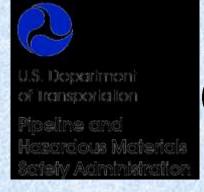




Operator Qualification



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- Standardized notification for OQ plan transmittal and the information required in transmittal
 - Operator information, regions involved, copy of the plan, and changes to the plan
 - Do NOT send personnel information



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- Added definitions for:
 - Observation of on the job performance
 - No tasks where adequate, sole method of evaluation
 - Does not measure ability to respond to AOCs
 - Significant
 - eliminating covered tasks, increasing interval or span of control, evaluation changes,



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- Per requirements of §192.605(a) and §195.402(a), a review of the OQ plan once per calendar year, not to exceed 15 months.
 - Periodic review of work, including AOC's



Evaluations and Documentation

Evaluations

- Review based on advisory bulletin
- Should include interaction between evaluator and person being evaluated
- Assess AOCs and knowledge, skills and ability (KSA)



Evaluations and Documentation

Documentation

- Current and properly documented
- Record retention, especially in light of DIMP



Disqualification

- Plans should have means of:
 - Disqualification
 - Suspension of qualifications
 - Need to include as part of failure/root cause investigations



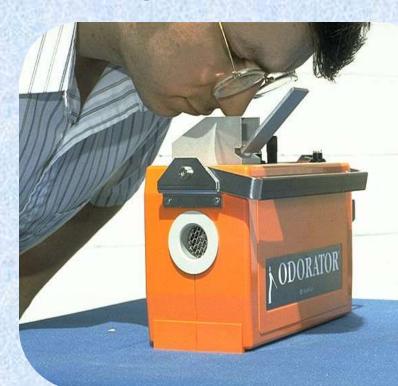
Protocol 9

Part of every inspection

Review of procedures and qualification

requirements

 Abnormal Operating Conditions



B31Q

- New version of B31Q approved
 - Published November 2010
 - Addresses all remaining issues except best practices
 - Includes Effectiveness Measures for reviewing the operators plan



B31Q

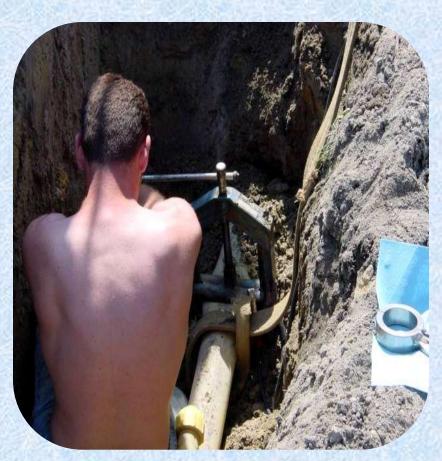
- Added definition for new construction
 - Alternate MAOP construction tasks





B31Q

 PHMSA is reviewing new document, but has not determined if it will incorporate by reference





OQ Review

Review of incidents, accidents, and

other failures

 Localized problem versus systematic problem

 Modifications of tasks or procedures





Other OQ Issues Breakout Tanks

- API-653 incorporated by reference in entirety adding tasks:
- Inspections, repairs, and alterations to the covered task list
- Ensure contractors qualified



Other OQ Issues

- Abnormal Operating Conditions
- Change OQ for changes in procedures
- Length of time between performing covered task



PHMSA Information Websites

PHMSA Training and Qualification

http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/tq

PHMSA Pipeline Safety Regulations

http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/tq/regs

PHMSA Rulemaking

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